

Nicholas Noe to speak

Nicholas Noe, WD9JAZ, is the scheduled speaker for the April meeting of the Midstate Amateur Radio Club.

Mr. Noe is a Unit Commissioner for the Pathfinder District of the Crossroads of America Council, Boy Scouts of America. This volunteer position requires visiting 4-6 Scout Troops and Cub Packs each month to make sure that they are kept up to date on what is going on in the District and Council.

He will be speaking about how the scouts use amateur radio in their program and will share the various aspects of how the two interrelate. Be sure to attend YOUR club meeting, April 18th at 8:00 AM.

VE testing will take place immediately afterward.

Spring has Sprung!

Walk for Riley

Mid-State Amateur Radio Club members will assist with the annual "Walk for Riley" on Sunday, May 3rd.

According to Bob LaGrange, N9SIU, the Psi Iota Psi-Sorority walk will take participants through downtown Franklin and around the Franklin College campus to raise funds for the Riley Children's Hospital.

About a dozen amateur radio operators will be needed for the approximately 90-minute walk. Those wishing to help should arrive by 1 PM. Walkers are expected to sign-in by 1:30 PM.

The walkers will start off at 2 PM. Volunteers will help keep the event organizers apprised of any situations around the course, and provide emergency communications if needed. Additional details will be available at the April meeting. ⁷³

The fee to obtain an Amateur Radio vanity call sign would drop drastically under the FCC's proposed fiscal year 1998 fee schedule. If adopted, the new fee will be \$12.90 for the ten-year term, payable at the time of application for a new, renewal or reinstated license.

The current vanity call sign fee is \$50 for the ten-year term. The FCC says it has no plans to refund the difference between the current fee and the new fee for applicants who submit applications before implementation of the FY 1998 fee schedule. *ARRL Letter*

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Membership Information

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club is a Franklin, IN based organization open to all amateur radio operators in central Indiana.

The MARC meets the third Saturday of each month in the training room of the Johnson County Emergency Operations Center located at 1100 Hospital Road in Franklin, IN.

The MARC operates a 2-meter repeater at 146.835 MHz. Each club member has free access to the repeater and autopatch.

Annual dues are \$18 per year. VE testing follows each meeting from March through November.

Stories can be submitted to the interim editor via email at the email address listed above by the 3rd of each month.

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Vacant, won't you consider volunteering?

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Dayton Hamfest

May 15, 16, 17

Submarine Hunting

Several submarines and other Naval vessels will take to the air the weekend of April 25 and 26 for Submarine Memorial Radio Reactivation Day, sponsored by the Submarine Veterans Amateur Radio Association. In the wake of a successful event last spring, the shipboard ham radio activity has become an annual event on the last weekend of April. The association hopes to reactivate the radio rooms of as many of the 23 memorial submarines as possible. This year's event has taken on an international scope with the participation of several Italian submarines plus the possible participation of hams from a memorial submarine in Vladivostok, Russia (possibly using RS56M).

Jim Flanders, W00OG, in Plano, Texas, reports the USS Torsk in Baltimore and the USS Growler in New York City will join this year's roster. Flanders says other "definites" for the event are the USS Requin in Pittsburgh, the USS Drum in Mobile, Alabama, the USS Batfish in Muskogee, Oklahoma, the USS Pompanito in San Francisco, the USS Bluegill in Washington, the USS Croaker in Buffalo, New York, the USS Aluminaut in Norfolk, Virginia, and the USS Grayling memorial in Denver. He's hoping for confirmation from others.

"Last year was the first year we did this, and I manned the Batfish in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and my dad, K4RQQ (SK), manned the Drum in Mobile Bay," Flanders reports. (A memorial service for Murray Flanders, K4RQQ, was held aboard the vessel last November.) Other ships active last year included the USS Pompanito in San Francisco and the USS Requin in Pittsburgh. Norm Drechsel, WA3KEY--who plans to operate from aboard the USS Growler, is helping to coordinate the event. Last year, just

four ships were active, but Flanders is hoping to get up to 20 on the air this year. A certificate is available. Flanders says hams can participate in two ways: Work as many of the subs as possible or help to operate from one of the memorial ships.

Operations will run from 1500 to 2200 UTC each day. Anticipated operating frequencies will be 3.943, 7.243, 14.243, 21.343, and 28.343 MHz, plus or minus 10 kHz. Flanders says some ships will not be on the air Sunday for a lack of operators. Also, he reports, some old timers "can't last two full days on a cold boat." *ARRL Letter*

The Federal Emergency Management Agency offers a series of self-taught courses that might be of interest to amateurs involved in public service disaster response.

Course titles include Emergency Preparedness; Radiological Emergency Management; Hazardous Materials: A Citizen's Orientation and others.

Details on enrollment are available at:
www.Fema.gov/emi/ishome.html



Volunteer Examiner John Bowman, NG9B, gives a congratulatory hug to hobby newcomers Samuel Lewis, KB9RYP (left), and Sarah Bruno, KB9SEG (right). Both youngsters are **four years old**. (Photo by Bill Peterson, N9LL)

Editor's Notebook

I want to thank all of you that have written with ideas and compliments on last month's newsletter.

As some of you may already know, my husband was recently transferred by his employer to Allentown, PA when they closed the location where he had been working. We've had a few struggles getting everything taken care of in preparation for the move. My husband is already there, while I'm busy wrapping things up here in Fort Wayne. I will be here for a while longer taking care of loose odds n' ends.

If that isn't enough to make a gal lose her mind, imagine what happens when she discovers she's going to be a mother! I always heard the best way to get a project done is to hand it over to someone who's already too busy, they'll figure out a way. At this rate, I should have everything handled in record time!

I do want to thank those of you that sent ideas and articles. I'm grateful for your patience while I try to learn about something that I'm having to write about, while I'm writing about it!

While I'm handing out thanks, I also want to thank Rick Reneau and George Weimer for helping me with all this e-mail stuff. They have smoothed out my way and have even helped make it possible for me to stay in touch with my husband while we're apart. If it weren't for all their help, I don't know how I would get everything written and delivered for printing.

It's because of their help that I can get this newsletter taken care of despite the distances involved (although my timing isn't always perfect when it comes to deadlines).

Enough about my problems, let me tell you about who I am since many of you have asked.

I am studying Writing and Journalism at a local college part-time. I also have a part-time job to help keep up with the expenses of home and education (and now moving).

We recently received the news that we're expecting in mid-November. As busy as things have been for my husband and me, we're not sure how it could have happened!

I will probably be doing the newsletter or helping with it until sometime in May or June. I know there have been a couple of volunteers offer to take it over. So, I should be about ready to make the move east at about the same time as the new editor is ready to take over the job.

Thanks to all of you for making me feel welcome. I truly am most gratified. Once all the moving is taken care of, and things calm down a little bit at our new location, I'm going to try to find a radio class locally. I'm going to see about getting MY radio license!

Penny

RACES Happenings

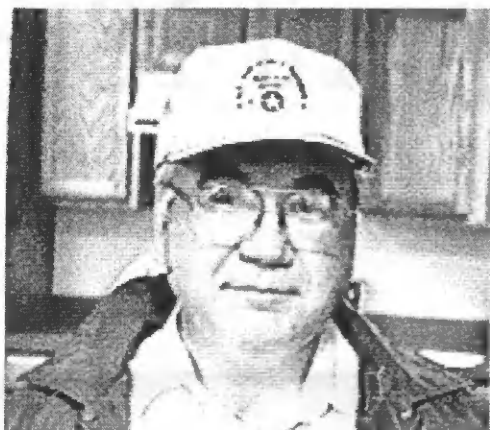
RACES Director Rich Jasinski, KB9LJM, reports that RACES hats have been ordered and delivered. The first dozen official RACES hats are gone! RACES members wishing to acquire one of these hats should contact Rich. RACES jackets and shirts are also planned. The cost of these items is the constraining factor.

A "Cable Tracing Party" is being planned for the near future. The purpose of this is to track down and label the various cables coming into and going out of the radio room at the EOC. 73

Member Profile

(Editors note: Member profile is a section to highlight and introduce club members to the membership at large. If you would like to recommend someone for profiling, you can email me at my address listed on page 2. Thanks! Penny, Interim Editor.)

== Bob LaGrange ==



For the month of April, our profiled member is Bob LaGrange, N9SIU. Bob is a long time member of Mid-State Amateur Radio Club (and practically a fixture near the coffee pot before club meetings).

Bob first got seriously interested in amateur radio shortly after he began working at the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) in 1992.

He noticed all the radio gear in the office where he worked and got his curiosity aroused. He decided that if he got his license he would "get to play with" some of that fancy gear.

He got his license in 1993 and hasn't stopped enjoying amateur radio since then. Bob is also an Air Force MARS member, where he helps pass messages from Air Force personnel back to civilian family members and friends in the States.

As active as Bob has been in the hobby of amateur radio, he hasn't managed to convince his wife or 2 children to take up the hobby, but he says he hasn't given up on it yet!

You will often see Bob working special events such as communications for walk-a-thons and mini-marathons. He's also a ready participant when the time comes to keep an eye on the sky during our turbulent Indiana spring weather.

Bob was recently appointed to the position of Area 6 ARES Coordinator by the ARRL. Bob is also on the board of the Johnson County Red Cross.

One of Bob's other interests is music. As a member of the Scottish Rite Chorus, he gets to participate in performances at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Perhaps if enough members ask, he can be prevailed upon to perform at a future meeting!



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